

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 33, line 16 and ending at line 27, as follows.

--In the present embodiment, to satisfy FPOT 15 seconds, it is necessary for the fixing nip portion N to have risen to a predetermined temperature before the transferring material P ~~rushes~~ rushes into the fixing nip portion N. When the time from after printing has been started until the transferring material P rushes into the fixing nip portion N was measured, it was about 11 seconds. Accordingly, by the temperature of the fixing apparatus rising within 11 seconds, it becomes possible to provide a fixing apparatus having a high on-demand property without affecting FPOT.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 34, line 6 and ending at line 12, as follows.

--In the present construction, if the sub-thermistor detection temperature (heater temperature) is about 50°C or higher, the starting torque is about 19.6 N · cm or less, and there was not seen the occurrence of ~~he~~ the slip of the fixing belt caused during starting by an torque increase due to the securement of the grease in the nip.--

Please amend Table 1 beginning at page 38, as follows.

Table 1

Detected Environmental Temperature (°C)	Film Slip
10	NG <u>Not Good</u> - occurred frequently
15	NG <u>Not Good</u> - sometimes occurred
20	OK No - occurrence
25	OK No - occurrence